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A Research Report on progress in reorganizing school units in Indiana with number of administrative units, high schools, elementary schools, enrollments, administrative and professional staffs and certification standard as established by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Reorganizing Indiana Schools

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SCHOOL REORGANIZATION PROGRESS REPORT

In 1947 there were 1,196 school administrative units in Indiana, of which 1,006 were township units, 14 township-township joint or consolidated units, 77 school towns, 98 school cities and one county unit (Floyd).

Three Acts were passed by the 1949 General Assembly designed to promote and encourage the desired consolidation of school units. However, in January, 1957, only 8% of the existing school units in the state had been touched by consolidation, more than one-third of the high schools enrolled fewer than 100 pupils and two-thirds had fewer than 200 pupils each, less than two-thirds of the state's 1,062 school units were complete systems offering both elementary and secondary programs and during this period the number of school units had been reduced only 11.9% in Indiana while the national average had been 48.6%.

In 1956 it was pointed out in an Indiana University School of Education bulletin, that organization of public schools in Indiana had undergone very little change in more than a century. On the whole, local rather than state leadership had been the characteristic of school reorganization. Indiana's reorganization laws at that time condoned and permitted -- but did not encourage -- school reorganization.

After careful study and analysis, the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., Indiana School Boards Association, Indiana State Teachers Association and Indiana State Chamber of Commerce jointly recommended to the 1957 General Assembly legislation which would promote reorganization.

Legislation along the lines urged by the four statewide organizations was enacted into law in 1959. The State Commission for the Reorganization of Schools was established and state leadership for the first time appeared.

Since 1959 the following progress has been made:

1. The number of school corporations has been reduced from 966 to 354, a reduction of 63.4%.

2. Approximately 95% of all public school pupils reside in reorganized school districts.

3. Reorganization has been completed in 69 counties, partially completed in 17 counties and there are 6 counties where NO REORGANIZATION has yet taken place.

4. Of the 354 school units, 283 are corporations, four are joint school districts and 67 are township operated. Sixteen are single county units.

Anticipated status of School Reorganization in Indiana as of July 1, 1968. Figure indicates number of school units in each county.

INFORMATION GIVEN ABOUT EACH COUNTY

1. Number of reorganized and unreorganized units

2. Name of school units

3. Number of high schools in each unit

4. Classification of schools *

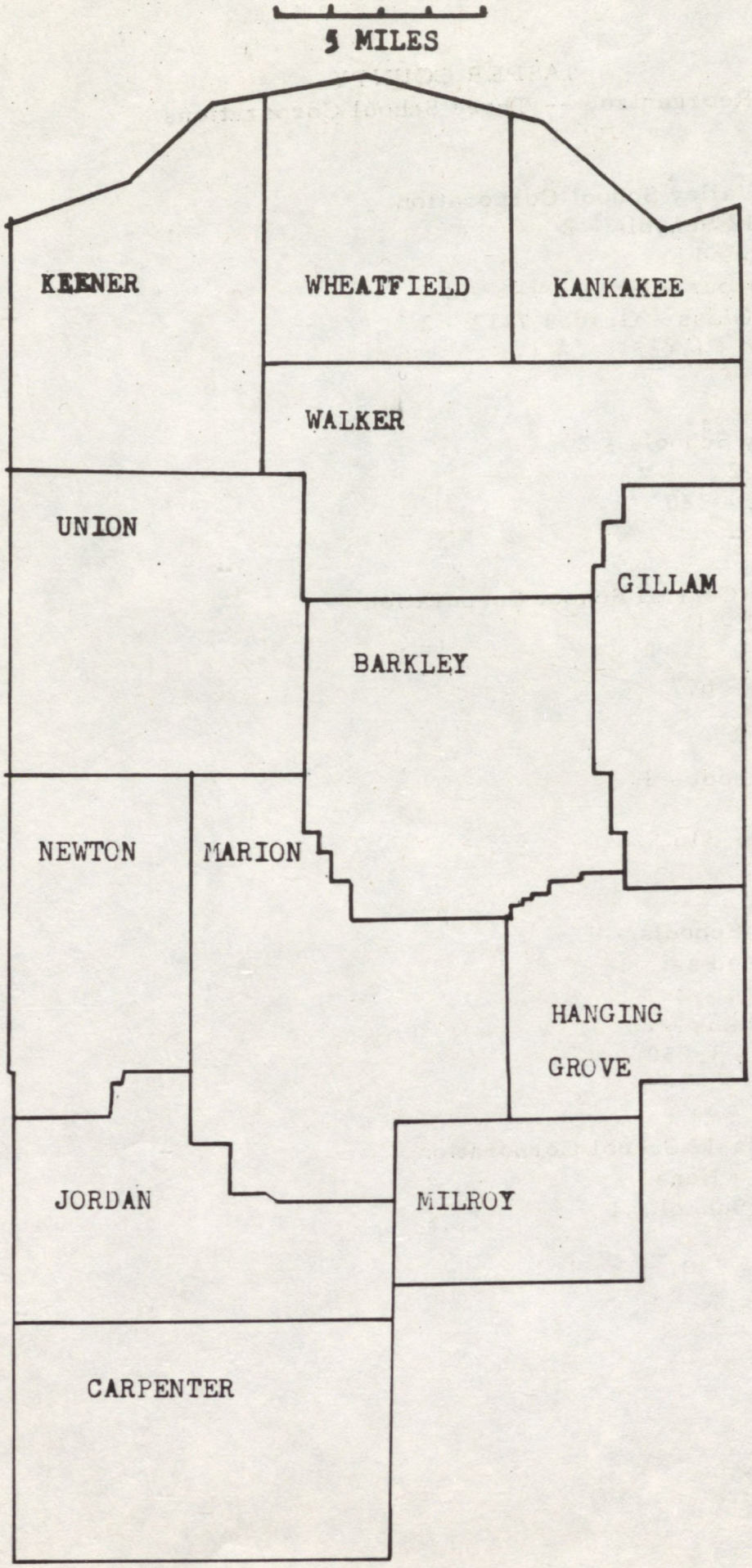
5. Total enrollment of high schools and elementary schools

6. Number of persons on professional staff

* The State Department of Public Instruction, after careful inspection, classifies each school as Certified (lowest), Continuous, First Class, or Special First Class (highest). This evaluation considers such areas as:

(1) Length of school term
(2) Training and Licensing of teachers and administrators
(3) Curriculum
(4) Student records
(5) Library expenditures
(6) Facilities
(7) Use of school as community center
(8) Lunch program
(9) Duties of administrators
(10) Length of class periods
(11) Teacher-pupil ratio
(12) Enrollment
(13) Graduation requirements
(14) Guidance
(15) Audio-visual program

JASPER COUNTY



JASPER COUNTY
Reorganized -- Three School Corporations

(1) Kankakee Valley School Corporation
Grades 1-12 Schools - 2
Commissioned as:
Continuous - Grades 1-6 - 2
First Class - Grades 7-12 - 2
Enrollment - 1,463
Staff - 59

Elementary Schools - 2
Certified - 2
Enrollment - 320
Staff - 12

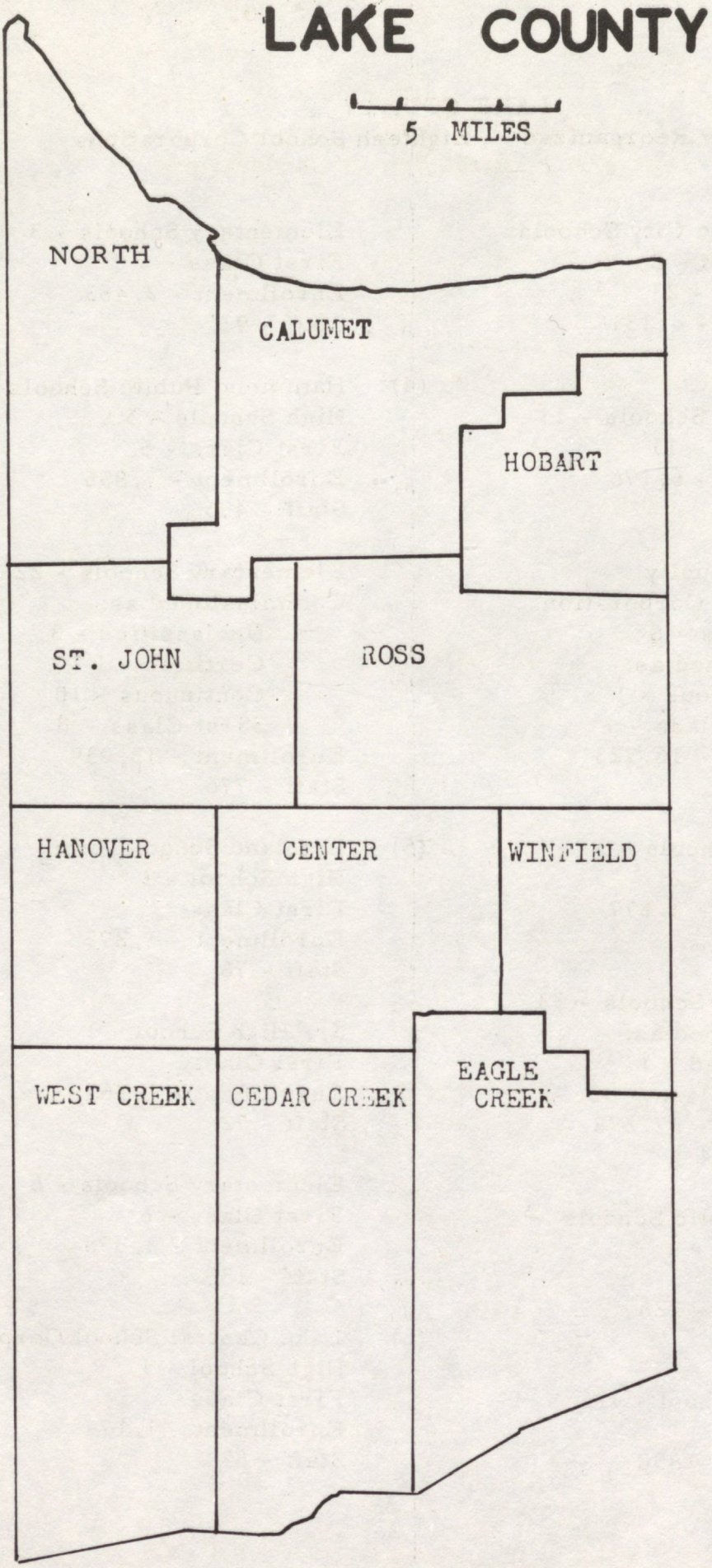
(2) Rensselaer Central School Corporation
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 677
Staff - 36

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 316
Staff - 13

Elementary Schools - 4
Commissioned as:
Certified - 2
First Class - 2
Enrollment - 1,050
Staff - 39

(3) Western Pulaski School Corporation
High School - None
Elementary School - 1
Certified
Enrollment - 230
Staff - 9

LAKE COUNTY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NORTH
CALUMET
HOBART
ST. JOHN
ROSS
HANOVER
CENTER
WINFIELD
WEST CREEK
CEDAR CREEK
EAGLE CREEK

LAKE COUNTY

Partially Reorganized -- Eighteen School Corporations

Reorganized:

(1) East Chicago City Schools
High Schools - 2
First Class - 2
Enrollment - 4,131
Staff - 238

Elementary Schools - 11
First Class - 11
Enrollment - 6,176
Staff - 277

(2) Gary Community School Corporation
High Schools - 8
Commissioned as:
Continuous - 1
First Class - 7
Enrollment - 16,723
Staff - 821

Jr. High Schools - 3
First Class - 3
Enrollment - 3,877
Staff - 216

Elementary Schools - 33
Commissioned as:
Certified - 1
First Class - 32
Enrollment - 27,278
Staff - 1,164

(3) Griffith Public Schools
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 728
Staff - 40

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 856
Staff - 44

Elementary Schools - 3
First Class - 3
Enrollment - 2,453
Staff - 91

(4) Hammond Public Schools
High Schools - 5
First Class - 5
Enrollment - 7,855
Staff - 455

Elementary Schools - 22
Commissioned as:
Unclassified - 3
Certified - 1
Continuous - 10
First Class - 8
Enrollment - 15,039
Staff - 776

(5) Highland School Town
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,275
Staff - 76

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,367
Staff - 72

Elementary Schools - 6
First Class - 6
Enrollment - 3,558
Staff - 139

(6) Lake Central School Corporation
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,174
Staff - 62

LAKE COUNTY (Con't.)

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 877
Staff - 35

Elementary Schools - 4
First Class - 4
Enrollment - 1,962
Staff - 81

(7) Lake Ridge Schools
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,581
Staff - 73

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 914
Staff - 45

Elementary Schools - 6
Commissioned as:
Continuous - 2
First Class - 4
Enrollment - 3,939
Staff - 119

(8) School Town of Munster
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 718
Staff - 40

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 814
Staff - 39

Elementary Schools - 3
First Class - 3
Enrollment - 1,839
Staff - 61

(9) Ross Township School Corporation
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,215
Staff - 61

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,422
Staff - 62

Elementary Schools - 7
Commissioned as:
Unclassified - 1
Continuous - 2
First Class - 4
Enrollment - 3,380
Staff - 136

(10) Tri-Creek Corporation
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 733
Staff - 41

Jr. High School - 1
Certified
Enrollment - 395
Staff - 22

Elementary Schools - 5
Commissioned as:
Certified - 3
Continuous - 1
First Class - 1
Enrollment - 1,580
Staff - 63

(11) School City of Whiting
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 678
Staff - 34

LAKE COUNTY (Con't.)

Elementary Schools - 2
First Class - 2
Enrollment - 609
Staff - 24

Not Reorganized:

(12) Center Township
Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,279
Staff - 60

Elementary Schools - 2
Continuous - 2
Enrollment - 833
Staff - 31

(13) Hanover Township
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 575
Staff - 37

Elementary School - 1
Continuous
Enrollment - 1,085
Staff - 38

(14) Hobart Township
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,329
Staff - 78

Elementary Schools - 3
Commissioned as:
Continuous - 1
First Class - 2
Enrollment - 1,745
Staff - 68

(15) Winfield Township
Elementary School - 1
Certified
Enrollment - 226
Staff - 11

(16) School City of Crown Point
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,207
Staff - 69

Elementary Schools - 4
First Class - 4
Enrollment - 2,007
Staff - 85

(17) East Gary Schools
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 714
Staff - 40

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 431
Staff - 21

Elementary Schools - 5
Commissioned as:
New - 1
Continuous - 2
First Class - 2
Enrollment - 1,558
Staff - 63

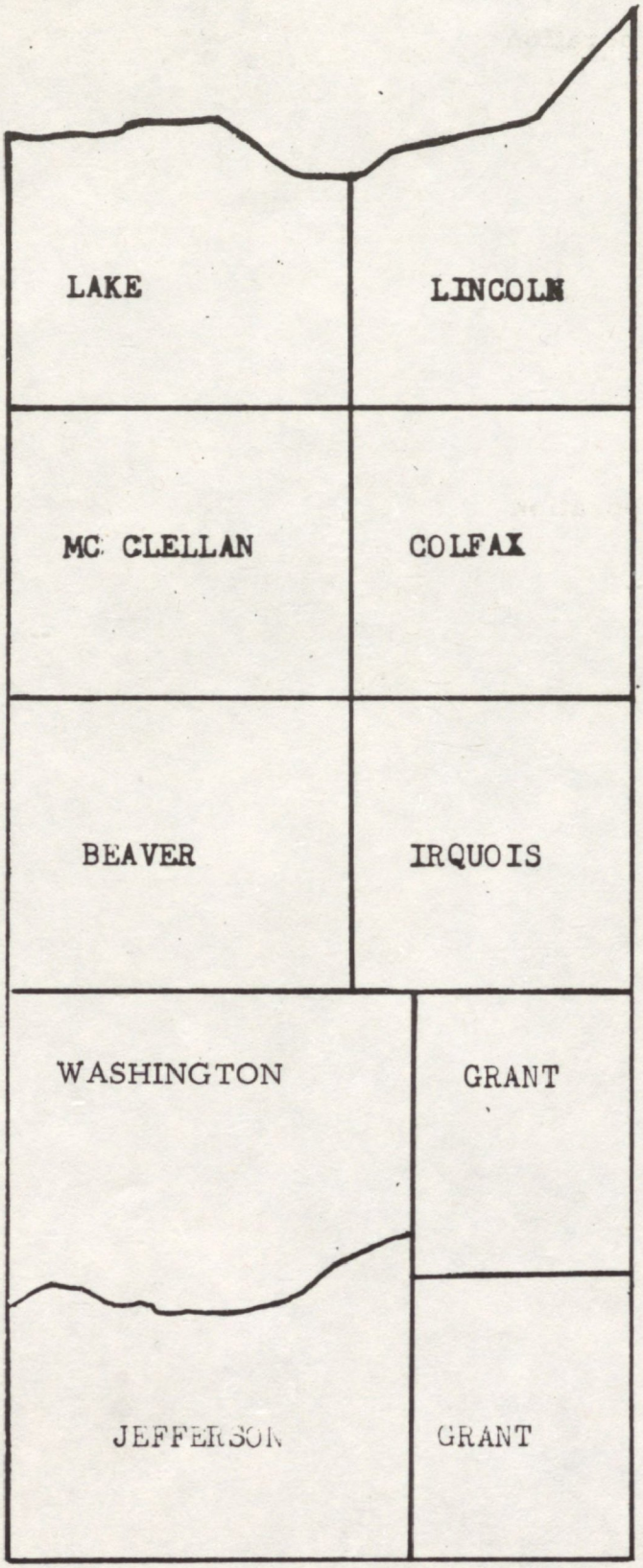
(18) School City of Hobart
High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,186
Staff - 61

Jr. High School - 1
First Class
Enrollment - 1,328
Staff - 56

Elementary Schools - 5
First Class - 5
Enrollment - 3,096
Staff - 116

NOTE: Merger of School City of Crown Point, Center Township and Winfield Township approved by the State Reorganization Commission May 14, 1968.

NEWTON COUNTY



NEWTON COUNTY
Reorganized -- Two School Corporations

(1) North Newton School Corporation
High School - 1
New
Enrollment - 620
Staff - 41

Elementary Schools - 4
Commissioned as:
Certified - 3
Continuous - 1
Enrollment - 808
Staff - 35

(2) South Newton School Corporation
High School - 1
New
Enrollment - 780
Staff - 43

Elementary Schools - 3
Continuous - 3
Enrollment - 775
Staff - 40